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Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief (37 CFR 41.37)	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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The Appeal Brief filed on 8/1/06 is defective for failure to comply with one or more provisions of 37 CFR 41.37.

To avoid dismissal of the appeal, applicant must file an amended brief or other appropriate correction (see MPEP 1205.03) within **ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS** from the mailing date of this Notification, whichever is longer. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136.**

1. The brief does not contain the items required under 37 CFR 41.37(c), or the items are not under the proper heading or in the proper order.
2. The brief does not contain a statement of the status of all claims, (e.g., rejected, allowed, withdrawn, objected to, canceled), or does not identify the appealed claims (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(iii)).
3. At least one amendment has been filed subsequent to the final rejection, and the brief does not contain a statement of the status of each such amendment (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(iv)).
4. (a) The brief does not contain a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal, referring to the specification by page and line number and to the drawings, if any, by reference characters; and/or (b) the brief fails to: (1) identify, for each independent claim involved in the appeal and for each dependent claim argued separately, every means plus function and step plus function under 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph, and/or (2) set forth the structure, material, or acts described in the specification as corresponding to each claimed function with reference to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawings, if any, by reference characters (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v)).
5. The brief does not contain a concise statement of each ground of rejection presented for review (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(vi))
6. The brief does not present an argument under a separate heading for each ground of rejection on appeal (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(vii)).
7. The brief does not contain a correct copy of the appealed claims as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(viii)).
8. The brief does not contain copies of the evidence submitted under 37 CFR 1.130, 1.131, or 1.132 or of any other evidence entered by the examiner **and relied upon by appellant in the appeal**, along with a statement setting forth where in the record that evidence was entered by the examiner, as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(ix)).
9. The brief does not contain copies of the decisions rendered by a court or the Board in the proceeding identified in the Related Appeals and Interferences section of the brief as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(x)).
10. Other (including any explanation in support of the above items):

see the attachment.

***NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS
OF 37 CFR 41.37***

1. Upon review of the IFW, it is noted that "*Summary of claimed subject matter*" appearing in the Appeal Brief filed 08/01/06 is deficient.
2. 37 CFR § 41.37(c) (1) (v) reads as follows:

(c) (1) The brief shall contain the following items under appropriate headings and in the order indicated in paragraphs (c)(1)(i) through (c)(1)(x) of this section, except that a brief filed by an appellant who is not represented by a registered practitioner need only substantially comply with paragraphs (c)(1)(i) through (c)(1)(iv) and (c)(1)(vii) through (c)(1)(x) of this section:

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(v) *Summary of claimed subject matter.* A concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal, which shall refer to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawing, if any, by reference characters. For each independent claim involved in the appeal and for each dependent claim argued separately under the provisions of paragraph (c)(1)(vii) of this section, every means plus function and step plus function as permitted by 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph, must be identified and the structure, material, or acts described in the specification as corresponding to each claimed function must be set forth with reference

to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawing, if any, by reference characters.

The “*Summary of claimed subject matter*” appearing the Appeal Brief filed 08/01/06 is deficient because it fails to provide a proper mapping the claimed invention to the claims.

For Example, Appellant maps the claim limitation “*the activity indication being generated in response to user action and being communicated sufficiently often to prevent an inactivity timeout of the first application being initiated during normal operation of the first application by the managing application in response to the timeout window being exceeded*” to page 2, lines 8-9; Fig.2, 200, 230, 250.

Page 2, lines 8-9 read “*prevent an inactivity timeout of the first application. In another feature of the invention a managing application receives*”; and Fig.2 including items 200, 230, and 250 is described “*FIG. 2 is a system command flow diagram showing system protocol operation involving a managing application 250 (GSM--Global Session Manager), two applications 200 and 230 (App1 and App2) and a web browser 10 (e.g. as described in connection with FIG. 1). The system protocol employed by manager 250 supports coherent harmonized and concurrent operation of multiple applications (e.g., applications 200 and 230) in implementing a task sequence or workflow. Manager 250 is advantageously used by the applications 200 and 230 to reference global data that is essential to a workflow. Such global data includes, for example, user identification*

information, a shared key used for the encryption of URL data, and a common URL to be used for handling a logoff and logon function. The system protocol involves applications 200 and 230 intermittently notifying manager 250 of activity to prevent an inactivity timeout while a user is active in another concurrent application”.

The above cited portions, however, fail to suggest the claimed “*the activity indication being generated in response to user action and being communicated sufficiently often to prevent an inactivity timeout of the first application being initiated during normal operation of the first application by the managing application in response to the timeout window being exceeded*”.

Appellant is advised to review the “*Summary of claimed subject matter*” and provide a proper mapping for the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal.

3. A substitute brief that is in compliance with 37 CFR § 41.37(c) is required. To avoid dismissal of the appeal, Appellant must comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 41.37(c) within ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing of this communication. Extensions of time may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

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Contact Information

4. Any inquiry or a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the TC 2100 Group receptionist: (571) 272-2100.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to VAN H. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571) 272-3765. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:30AM 6:00PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternative Friday. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, WILLIAM THOMSON can be reached at (571) 272-3718.

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